

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Masahiko Sugimoto



Serial No.: 10/822,003

Group Art Unit: 2624

Filed: April 12, 2004

Examiner: Jeffrey S. Smith

For: **IMAGE CHARACTERISTIC PORTION EXTRACTION METHOD,
COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM, AND DATA COLLECTION AND
PROCESSING DEVICE**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED

CONCURRENTLY WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: